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1. IN ADDITION TO A MAJOR AFRICAN SPEECH WHICH WILL BE DELIVERED IN NIGERIA WE EXPECT THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FOLLOWING SEVEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC STATEMENTS: A) ARRIVAL IN LAGOS, B) EMBASSY DEDICATION, C) STATE DINNER TOAST, D) ARRIVAL IN KANO, E) TOAST AT EMIR'S LUNCH, F) DEPARTURE FROM KANO, G) AND DEPARTURE FROM LAGOS. EMBASSY SHOULD PREPARE A DRAFT FOR EACH OF THESE EVENTS AND CABLE TEXTS TO DEPARTMENT BY MARCH 3

2. THE WHITE HOUSE APPARENTLY FOUND THE PREPARED PUBLIC STATEMENTS FOR THE LAST TRIP THIN ON LOCAL COLOR, CULTURE, AND HISTORICAL/TOPICAL REFERENCES. GENERAL GUIDANCE CONFIDENTIAL

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